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### **FORMER DRIVER SENTENCED FOR NEGLECT OF VULNERABLE ADULTS**

**Washington, D.C.** – Bryant McLean, 37, of Washington, D.C., a former employee of Ward & Ward, a District of Columbia residential provider for persons with mental retardation and developmental disabilities, was found guilty and sentenced on June 3, 2010, in the Superior Court for the District of Columbia, before the Honorable Linda Turner, for criminal neglect of a vulnerable adult, United States Attorney Ronald C. Machen, Jr. and District of Columbia Inspector General Charles J. Willoughby announced today. Judge Turner sentenced the defendant to 180 days in prison, with all but 45 days suspended, followed by 18 months supervised probation. The Court specified as a condition of probation that defendant McLean could not work with any vulnerable persons.

According to testimony at trial, on August 19, 2009, McLean was assigned to drive a vulnerable person from her day treatment program to her residence in northeast Washington, D.C. The defendant left the victim in the company van, parked in direct sun, with the doors locked and the windows rolled up. Temperatures that day were recorded at 98°. The victim was discovered approximately two hours later sweating profusely and dehydrated.

In announcing the conviction and sentence, U.S. Attorney Machen and Inspector General Willoughby praised the work of Investigator Meghan Strickland of the Office of the Inspector General Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU), and also commended the work of Assistant U.S. Attorney Richard DiZinno and Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Jacqueline N. Schesnol of the MFCU, who jointly prosecuted the case.